AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition for preventing or treating viral infectious diseases comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (I):

(wherein

A represents a phenyl group substituted with -OX, or a 3-indolyl group;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms;

B represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an oxo group, $-N(R^4)(R^5)$, =N-OH, $=N-OR^6$ or a halogen atom;

R⁴ and R⁵ may be the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or R⁴ and R⁵ together represent a 3 to 8 membered ring;

R⁶ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms);

D represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group; bond E represents a single bond or double bond; R¹, R² and R³ may be the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group (which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms), -OZ, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms; and,

Z represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms) a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 comprising the compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 represented by the following general formula (I'), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

(wherein A, B, D, bond E, R¹, R² and R³ are the same as defined in claim 1).

3. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein A represents a phenyl group substituted with -OX at position 4, X represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein B represents an oxo group, a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group or =N-OR⁶.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 claim 1 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R¹, R² and R³ may be the same or different and each represent a hydroxyl group, an amino group, or -OZ (wherein Z represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms).
- 6. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein A represents a phenyl group substituted with -OX at position 4, X represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, B represents an oxo group, a hydroxyl group or =N-OR⁶, and R¹, R² and R³ may be the same or different and each represent a hydroxyl group or -OZ (wherein Z represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms).
- 7. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, B represents an oxo group or a hydroxyl group, and R¹, R² and R³ each represent a hydroxyl group.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein A represents a 3-indolyl group.

- 9. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 8 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein B represents an oxo group or a hydroxyl group, and R¹, R² and R³ each represent a hydroxyl group.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, selected from the compounds indicated below.

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11. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, selected from the compounds indicated below.

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or

12. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2 comprising a compound of formula (I), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, selected from the compounds indicated below.

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- 13. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 1 to 12 claim 1, wherein the viral infectious disease is HCV infection.
- 14. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13, wherein the HCV infection is hepatitis C.
 - 15. (Original) A compound represented by the following general formula (I):

(wherein

A represents a phenyl group substituted with -OX;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms;

B represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an oxo group, $-N(R^4)(R^5)$, =N-OH, $=N-OR^6$ or a halogen atom;

R⁴ and R⁵ may be the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or R⁴ and R⁵ together represent a 3 to 8 membered ring;

R⁶ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms);

D represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group; bond E represents a single bond or double bond;

R¹, R² and R³ may be the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group (which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon, atoms), -OZ, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms; and,

Z represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, with the proviso that the case in which A is a phenyl group substituted with -OX at the p position, X is a 2-isopentenyl group or a hydrogen atom, B is an oxo group, D is a hydrogen atom, E represents a double bond, and all of R¹ to R³ are a hydroxyl group, and the case in which A is a phenyl group substituted with -OX at position p, X is a 2-isopentenyl group, B is an oxo group, D is a hydrogen atom, bond E represents a double bond, and all of R¹ to R³ are a methoxy group are excluded) a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. (Original) A compound represented by the following general formula (I):

(wherein

A represents a phenyl group substituted with -OX;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms;

B represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an oxo group, $-N(R^4)(R^5)$, =N-OH, $=N-OR^6$ or a halogen atom;

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R⁴ and R⁵ may be the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or R⁴ and R⁵ together represent a 3 to 8 membered ring;

R⁶ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms (which may be substituted with an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms);

D represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group; bond E represents a single bond or double bond;

R¹, R² and R³ may be the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group (which may be mono- or di-substituted with a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms), -OZ, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms; and,

Z represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, with the proviso that the case in which A is a phenyl group substituted with -OX at position p and X is a hydrogen atom, and the case in which A is a phenyl group substituted with -OX at position p, X is a 2-isopentenyl group, B is an oxo group, D is a hydrogen atom, bond E indicates a double bond, and all of R¹ to R³ are a hydroxyl group or a methoxy group are excluded)
a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) The compound of formula (I) according to claim 15 or 16 represented by the following general formula (I'), a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

(wherein \times A, B, D, bond E, R¹, R² and R³ are the same as described in claim 15).

- 18. (Currently Amended) The compound of formula (I) according to elaims 15 to 17 claim 15, a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, and B represents a hydroxyl group, an oxo group or =N-OR⁶.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The compound of formula (I) according to any one of elaims 15 to 18 claim 15 represented by the following formula, a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (Currently Amended) The compound of formula (I) according to any one of elaims 15 to 18 claim 15 represented by the following formula, a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 21. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) according to any one of claims 15 to 20 claim 15, a prodrug thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 22. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 21 for preventing or treating of viral infectious diseases.
- 23. **(Original)** The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 22, wherein the viral infectious disease is HCV infection.
- 24. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 23, wherein the HCV infection is hepatitis C.